

REMARKS

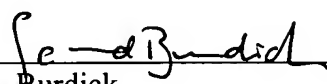
In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group I claims 1 – 10.

In the Preliminary Amendment, Applicant cancels claims 11 – 33. In addition, claims 2, 5 and 6 have been amended for clarity, and claims 34 – 51 are new. Applicant submits that all new claims are drawn to an invention for a fuel cell system of the same class and subclass as that of the elected claims. Applicant therefore respectfully requests entry of the present Amendment and examination on the merits of claims 1 – 10 and 34 – 51.

In papers filed concurrently with this Response, Applicant has petitioned for a two-month extension of time for responding to the Restriction Requirement, and has authorized payment of the appropriate extension fee. Applicant believes no other fees are due for filing this response. If any additional fee is in fact due, please charge the same to deposit account no. 19-2814, with reference to Snell & Wilmer docket no. 50534-0400.

Respectfully submitted,

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